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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN STUDENT ROUNDUP

REF : JAKARTA 15156 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: NON-VIOLENT PROTEST ACTIVITIES ARE CONTINUING  
(AND SPREADING TO PROVINCIAL UNIVERSITIES) WITH MAIN  
QUESTION NOW BEING EXTENT TO WHICH STUDENTS WILL  
ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT VISIT OF PM TANAKA. MEANTIME  
SERIOUS SCHISM HAS DEVELOPED IN UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA  
STUDENT COUNCIL, QUITE PROBABLY AS RESULT OF  
MANIPULATION BY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT ALI MURTOPO  
AND/OR OTHERS. END SUMMARY

1. INDONESIAN STUDENT PROTEST ACTIVITY HAS CONTINUED  
AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL SINCE PRESIDENT SUHARTO ANNOUNCED  
HIS WILLINGNESS TO HOLD DIALOGUE WITH YOUTHFUL CRITICS  
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BEFORE PM TANAKA ARRIVES JANUARY 14. (EXACT DATE

FOR DIALOGUE NOT YET ANNOUNCED.) PROVINCIAL ACTIVITY HAS PICKED UP WITH REPORTS OF STUDENT PROTEST PETITIONS, MEETINGS WITH OFFICIALS, AND THREATENED DEMONSTRATIONS FROM SURABAYA, UJUNG PRADANG AND YOGYAKARTA AS WELL \*S JAKARTA AND BANDUNG. BIG QUESTION REMAINS EXTENT TO WHICH STUDENTS WILL ATTEMPT TO DISRUPT TANAKA VISIT, DESPITE EXHORTATIONS FROM MALIK AND OTHERS TO KEEP IT PEACEFUL. (REPORTS THAT THAI STUDENTS ARE PREPARING WARM WELCOME HAVE BEEN WIDELY PLAYED IN LOCAL PRESS.) ACCORDING PRESS, INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (ITB) STUDENTS HAVE INVITED TANAKA TO PARTICIPATE IN "DIALOGUE" IN BANDUNG BUT JAPANESE HAVE AS YET MADE NO PUBLIC RESPONSE TO THIS TICKLISH OFFER.

2. MEANWHILE STUDENT WORLD AHS BEEN ROCKED BY NOISY SCHISM IN UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA STUDENT COUNCIL WHICH HAS PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN PROTESTS TO DATE. DISPUTE BEGAN NEW YEAR'S EVE WHEN TEN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL ISSUED STATEMENT OF NO CONFIDENCE IN LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN HARIMAN SIREGAR, ALLEGEDLY (ACCORDING TO WHAT MAY BE BIASED PRESS REPORTS) AFTER MEETING WITH SUBORDINATE OF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE ALI MURTOPO. PLENARY SESSION OF COUNCIL SUBSEQUENTLY VOTED TO FIRE THE DISSENTING TEN, INCLUDING DEPUTY CHAIRMAN POTSDAM HUTASOIT. IN SUBSEQUENT STATEMENT TO PRESS HUTASOIT DENOUNCED SIREGAR FOR EXCESSIVE PROTEST ACTIVITIES. MEANWHILE PAINTED SLOGANS APPEARED ON UNIVERSITY WALLS LABELLING SIREGAR AS TOOL OF OUTLAWED SOCIALIST PARTY (PSI) AND ACCUSING HIM OF WISHING TO CHANGE NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

4. ON JANUARY 3 RECTOR MAHAR MARDJONO TOLD PRESS THAT CONFLICT AMONG UI STUDENTS WAS SERIOUS BUT COULD BE SETTLED QUICKLY IF "OUTSIDE ELEMENTS" WOULD STOP INTERFERING. RECTOR SAID HE WOULD SHUT DOWN THE UNIVERSITY IF CONFLICT BECAME VIOLENT.

5. COMMENT: SIREGAR AND HUTASOIT REPRESENT LONG-TERM RIVAL FACTIONS IN UNIVERSITY OF INDONESIA POLITICS  
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(INDEPENDENT-SOCIALIST AND MODERNIST ISLAMIC HMI RESPECTIVELY). ALTHOUGH ANTECEDENTS OF DISPUTE ANYTHING BUT CLEAR, IT IS ENTIRELY LIKELY THAT ALI MURTOPO'S OPERATIVES HAVE ENCOURAGED HUTASOIT ET AL TO CHALLENGE SIREGAR'S LEDERSHIP, ESPECIALLY SINCE STUDENT PROTESTS HAVE INCREASINGLY FOCUSSED ON ROLE OF CORRUPTION AND INFLUENCE PEDDLING BY PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS (MURTOPO AND SUDJUNO HUMARDHANI). END COMMENT.

6. USUAL OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO TUDENT ACCUSATIONS HAS BEEN TO DEMAND EVIDENCE OF WRONGDOING AND "ALTERNATIVES" TO CRITICIZED POLICIES. IN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, MEMBERS OF "NATIONAL PRIDE COMMITTEE" (JULIUS USMAN, LOUIS WANGGE ET AL) VISITED ATTORNEY GENERAL JANUARY 5 AND PRESENTED ALLEGED EVIDENCE OF CORRUPT ACTIVITIES BY 23 "CUKONGS" (FAVORED CHINESE FINANCIERS) INCLUDING LIM BOEN HWA (OWNER OF SANDRATTEX TEXTILE COMPANY) AND THE FAMOUS\*(OR IN AMOUS) LIM SWIE LIONG WHO MANAGES WIDESPREAD ECONOMIC INTEREST ON BEHALF OF MRS. SUHARTO. STUDENTS HAVE PROMISED TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL "EVIDENCE" IN FORTHCOMING DIALOGUE WITH PRESIDENT. ACCORDING PRESS ATTORNEY GENERAL PROMISED TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.  
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